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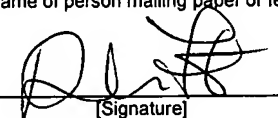
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For: USE OF A CHROMIUM STEEL AS RAW	)
MATERIAL FOR CORROSION-RESISTANT	)
SPRING ELEMENTS AND METHOD FOR	)
PRODUCING SAID CHROME STEEL	)

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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